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1. I APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE AND AM GLAD TO SENT YOU THE
FOLLOWING COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITHIN THIS
MISSION.

2. IN PRINCIPLE, EMBASSY SUPPORTS DEPT. SUGGESTION TO
ESTABLISH CONSULTANT GROUP IN U.S. TO ADVISE ON SPANISH-U.S.
CULTURAL ACCORDS. SUCH AN ADVISORY GROUP COULD RAISE
STATURE OF ACCORDS AND HELP SECURE MEDIUM-RANGE
COOPERATION BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL UNITS IN U.S. AND SPAIN.
HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT COMMITTEE BE MADE TO
UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS ADVISORY TO U.S. DEPT. OF STATE AND
THRU IT TO US MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. IT MUST NOT
HAVE ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SPANISH ON HOW AND WHERE
THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE INVESTED OR BEST MEANS OF REFORMING
THEIR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. OUR EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR WITH
TWO MIN/EDUCATION PROJECTS WAS OBJECT LESSON IN SPANISH
SENSIBILITIES TOWARDS "OUTSIDE" REVIEW OR VETO. FURTHERMORE
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AMERICAN-BASED GROUP WOULD HAVE ALL THE
NECESSARY BACKGROUND TO PROPOSE PROJECTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO
SPANISH HIGHER EDUCATION AT A TIME WHEN UNIVERSITY STITUATION
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HERE IS IN FLUX.

3. EMBASSY ENVISIONS SUCH AN ADVISORY BODY AS MOST USEFUL AS MEANS FOR DEVELOPING NEW CHANNELS AND FORMATS IN SPANISH-U.S. ACADEMIC EXCHANGE; AND IN HELPING CREATE NEW INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAM LINKS BETWEEN SPANISH AND AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL UNITS.

4. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES TO CONSIDER BEFORE INITIATING PLANS TO ESTABLISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE: (1) FOCUS FOR CONSULTING GROUP SHOULD BE ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BEARING IN MIND CAVEATS ABOVE AND WITHOUT REGARD TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WHICH IS FUNCTIONING WELL UNDER FULBRIGHT COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION; (2) IGNORE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS SINCE THESE COVERED UNDER OTHER AGREEMENT; (IF SIMILAR BODY FORMED FOR THAT AGREEMENT, CROSS-FEED ON TEACHING OF SCIENCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE); (3) CONCENTRATE ON UNIVERSITY-TYPE EXCHANGES, ESPECIALLY AT GRADUATE LEVEL, AS THIS WILL BE HEARTLAND OF NEW CULTURAL ACCORDS. ASSISTANCE TO SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO SELECT TEACHER TRAINING CENTERS AND/OR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECTS; (4) ADVISE NMA COMMITTEE HERE ON THOSE NEW DIRECTIONS IN U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH MAY NOT BE ACCESSIBLE TO SPANISH EDUCATORS IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY AT A COMPARABLE LEVEL--I.E., MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INCLUDING USE OF COMPUTERS; ECONOMICS OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; ECONOMETRICS, ETC.

5. GIVEN ABOVE GUIDELINES EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE INCLUDE A FEW PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF SPANISH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BUT THAT PRIMARY CONSIDERATION IN SELECTION BE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS OF NATIONAL ACADEMIC STATURE OR REPRESENTATIVES OF IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. OF COURSE THE MORE KNOWLEDGE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS OF SPAIN THE BETTER, HOWEVER THIS SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE APPOINTING PERSONS WITHOUT SUCH EXPERIENCE. FOR INSTANCE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OR AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WOULD BE IMPERATIVE--I.E., FRANK FREIDEL, ARTHUR DUDDEN OR ROBIN WINKS. SIMILARLY, SINCE ECONOMICS WILL BE PRIORITY SUBJECT IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEED TO HAVE RANKING ECONOMIST ON COMMITTEE, I.E., RICHARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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N. COOPER, PAUL MCCrackEN, HERBERT STEIN, OR JOHN R. COLEMAN. SINCE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY TRANSCENDS SEVERAL DISCIPLINES AND IS SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT IN SPAIN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF INST. OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AT UNIV. OF MICHIGAN MIGHT BE USEFUL.

6. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS MIGHT INCLUDE ONE HISPANICIST, I.E., CARLETON SPRAGUE SMITH, WHO WOULD ALSO

REPRESENT HISPANIC INST. IN NY; ONE SPECIALIST ON HIGHER
EDUCATION IN SPAIN, I.E., MORRIS HOROWITZ; AND POSSIBLY
U.S. SPANISH INTELLECTUAL, I.E. JUAN LINZ (YALE) OR JUAN
MARICHAL (HARVARD), AND /OR A SPECIALIST ON CONTEMPORARY
SPAIN, I.E., STANLEY PAYNE, MARTIN NEEDLER, OR GABRIEL
JACKSON. A REPRESENTATIVE OF HEW OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IS OTHER POSSIBILITY AS IS OFFICER
FROM MUCIA (MIDWESTERN UNIV. CONSORTIUM ON INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS). ON LATTER, DEPT. ADVISED THAT MUCIA VICE
PRESIDENT VISITING SPAIN FIRST WEEK OF MAY AT SUGGESTION
NMA COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN MUCIA AND SPAIN'S FOUR MAJOR FACULTIES OF ECONOMICS,
WHICH ALSO FORMING CONSORTIUM FOR PURPOSE OF THIS EXCHANGE.
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, ROBERT F. WOODWARD, WHO
HAS BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF SPAIN BOTH POLITICALLY AND
INTELLECTUALLY, IS ALSO SUGGESTED.

7. WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH SPANISH NMA PROGRAM
COORDINATOR SCHERR DURING HIS VISIT.
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